



Iowa  
**Vocational  
Rehabilitation**  
Services

*Finding solutions. Generating success.*

**Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services (IVRS) is a division of the Iowa Department of Education**

- 273.5 FTE manage and provide services to individuals with disabilities to prepare for, obtain and maintain employment (79/21 match required)
- 1 FTE manages and provides services to persons with disabilities to maintain independent functioning in the community (90/10 match required)
- 3.0 FTE manage grant funding directed to improving transition outcomes for students with disabilities at the community level (100% Federal Funds)
- 143.95 FTE manage and provide eligibility determinations for Social Security benefits for persons with disabilities (100% Federal Funds)

**Non-Federal Match requirement**

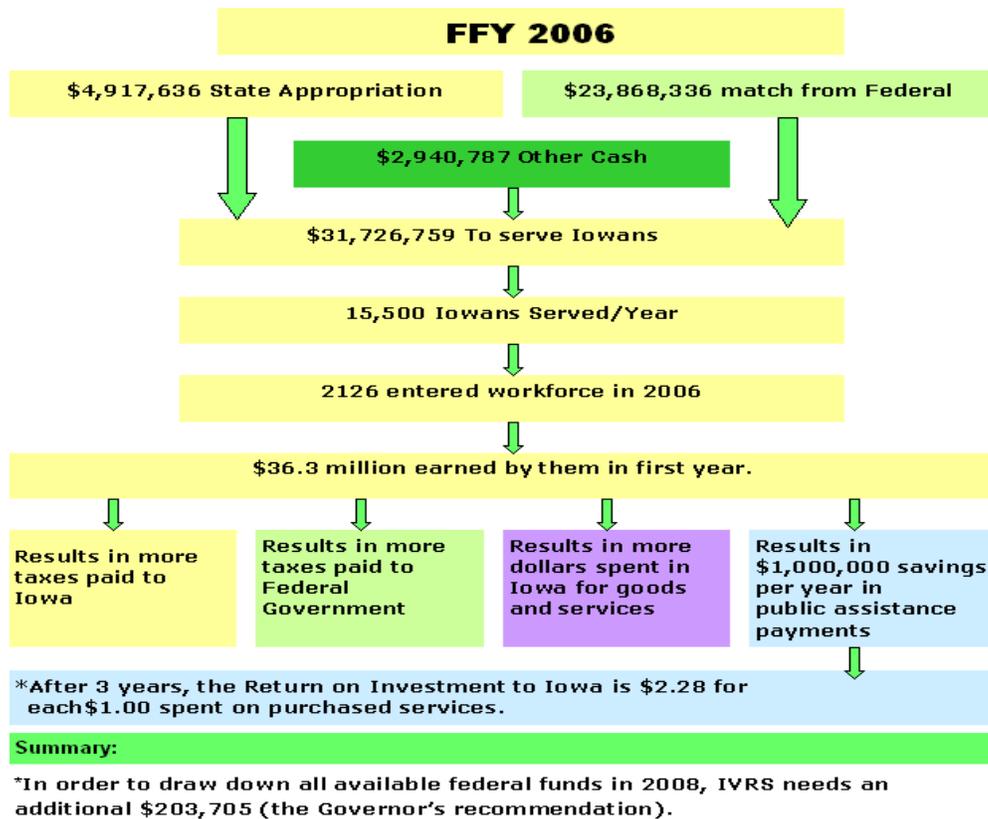
- **21% State/Non-Federal Funding: 79% Federal Funding**
  - FFY 2006: *(actual)*
    - **\$210,744 State/Non-Federal short of match requirement**
    - **\$778,664 to reallocate to other States**
  - FFY 2007: *(estimate with Governor's recommendation of \$203,705)*
    - **\$0 State/Non-Federal short of match requirement**
    - **\$0 to reallocate to other States**
  - Challenge:
    - Third party match –
      - Disproportionate impact upon specific populations
      - Restricts use of funds to only areas where funds are available, not necessarily where the greatest need exists
- Federal funding is increasing faster than State appropriations
  - 3.8% increase for VR in FFY 2007 overall; allotment to IVRS unknown but expected to be at least 2%
  - History has been at least 2% for the last 10 years
  - VR is a "Mandatory" program, not subject to "across the board" cuts, receives annual COLA

**State Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Offers**

- Governor's recommendation \$203,705
  - State Rehabilitation Council recommendation

**Waiting list**

- Waiting list has grown by 49% since January of 2006
  - No new cases off the caseload from mid-February 2006 through June 2006
  - Referrals are independent of funds available; average about 575 monthly
  - The number of consumers placed into services are dependent on funds available
  - Current waiting list for persons with significant disabilities is approximately 10 months
  - Placed 3600 individuals into services since July 2006
  - Current trend is 575 into services each month



### Partnerships

- 7 state agency Governance Group
  - IVRS – IWD – DHS – Governor's DD Council – IDB – DE - DHR
  - Transition – WIPA – Disability Navigator – TANF/VR initiative - EDRN
- Community Rehabilitation Programs

### Iowa Business Network

- Recognizes employers as a valued customer
- Identifies employer needs for recruitment and retention of qualified applicants/employees
- Builds the capacity of VR staff to deliver direct services to employers
  - Pre-employment
  - Recruitment
  - Retention
  - Staff training
  - Consultation, technical assistance and support

### Service Delivery Model

- Efficiency, effectiveness and control
  - More direct services provided – Creates more manageable quality of service and more control of expenditures
- Risk of implementation
  - Community partners will see less purchased services – Staffing resources have to be realigned – Accountability of IVRS service delivery system
- Benefit to consumers
  - Less volatile swing of expenditures – More consistent services – Greater access to IVRS counselors - Greater access to employers